

Removing the "established business relationship" qualification from the fax regulations is absolutely bad for business, forcing my association to obtain the written consent of their own members, clients and industry partners before transmitting any fax that could be interpreted as commercial in nature; the association community has already raised numerous concerns about the new regulations that remain a subject of speculation, including exactly which transmissions the FCC would interpret as commercial in nature, whether written consent to a national association would extend to chapter or affiliate faxes, and whether a written consent form would expire with membership, for example. If a member forwards one of my e-mails to his employees or to another party who may be interested in participating, would my association be in violation? My membership demanded that we develop a system that is fast, and for the most part paperless. This regulation will work a hardship on both my association and my membership.